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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Prince George's County - School Uniforms**

3 **PG 403-97**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to
5 implement the use of school uniforms by all students in the public schools in the
6 County by a certain date under certain circumstances; allowing schools to elect not
7 to participate under certain circumstances and to reinstate participation under
8 certain circumstances; allowing the Board to provide certain specifications;
9 prohibiting the Prince George's County Board of Education from purchasing
10 uniforms, providing uniforms to students, or subsidizing the purchase of uniforms;
11 and generally relating to the use of school uniforms by all students in the public
12 schools in Prince George's County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article - Education

15 Section 3-1007

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (1997 Replacement Volume)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Education**

21 3-1007.

22 ~~Notwithstanding~~ (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,

23 AND NOTWITHSTANDING any other provision of law, in Prince George's County, the

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1 Board of Education [may] SHALL implement the use of school uniforms by all students
2 in the public schools in the County;

3 (1) BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 1998-1999 SCHOOL YEAR FOR
4 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS;

5 (2) BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR FOR MIDDLE
6 SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND

7 (3) BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR FOR HIGH
8 SCHOOL STUDENTS.

9 (B) (1) A SCHOOL MAY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MANDATORY
10 USE OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS IF:

11 (I) THE RECOGNIZED PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION AT THE
12 SCHOOL CONDUCTS AN OPINION SURVEY OF THE PARENTS OF THE CHILDREN AT
13 THE SCHOOL; AND

14 (II) AT LEAST 60% OF THE RESPONDING PARENTS OPPOSE THE
15 MANDATORY USE OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS.

16 (2) A SCHOOL THAT HAS ELECTED NOT TO PARTICIPATE UNDER
17 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY IMPLEMENT THE MANDATORY USE OF
18 SCHOOL UNIFORMS IF:

19 (I) THE RECOGNIZED PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION
20 CONDUCTS ANOTHER OPINION SURVEY OF THE PARENTS; AND

21 (II) AT LEAST 60% OF THE RESPONDING PARENTS FAVOR
22 MANDATORY USE OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS.

23 (C) THE BOARD MAY SPECIFY THE TYPE OF OUTER GARMENTS AND SHOES
24 THAT STUDENTS SHALL WEAR WITH THE UNIFORM.

25 (D) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY NOT FUND
26 THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS, PROVIDE UNIFORMS TO STUDENTS, OR SUBSIDIZE
27 THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Prince George's
29 County Board of Education shall review the implementation of this Act and, in
30 accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, report to the Prince George's
31 County Senate and House Delegations not later than July 1, 2000 on the findings of the
32 review.

33 SECTION 2- 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 July 1, 1997.

